

Nebraskaland Foundation grants several awards. They grant an award called the Sower Award, which is presented to American citizens who have contributed to the benefit of mankind and to the state and nation in their opinion; the Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award which is given to a former Nebraskan, this year has brought honor and distinction to our state; a Wagon Master Award, given by the foundation to recognize citizens for their leadership in causes which benefit the state or the nation; Trailblazer Award, given by the foundation to recognize citizens for their special efforts which benefit the state or the nation; and the Pioneer Award, given by the foundation to recognize citizens who portray the spirit of Nebraska's heritage. These awards have already been given I would point out to the body. What the Legislature does is usually as part of this celebration of Statehood Day presents legislative resolutions congratulating the award winners, and that's what all three of these do is to congratulate the award winners. Go through the individuals, we have Lewis Lehr, native of Elgin, Nebraska, is the recipient of the Wagon Master Award. Mr. Lehr is a leader of the business world, worked with the 3M Company. Mr. George Lundeen is the recipient of the Pioneer Award, he's a native of Holdrege. He is a sculptor, and his sculptures are known throughout the world. The Petersen family from DeWitt, recipients of the Trailblazer Award, another business family. As I understand, Senator Coordsen, this is the vise grip company. Then the Knights of Ak-Sar-Ben, in LR 54, are given some special recognition, no particular award but just a special recognition for their centennial anniversary. As far as the...as far as the a...a...excuse me, the Distinguished NEBRASKALander Award, which is the most distinguished award that is given. Mr. Tom Allan, who is a journalist working for the Omaha World-Herald, who many of us probably remember as having written many articles about Nebraska, human interest types of stories, as I recall. And finally, the Nebraskalander Foundation gave the Sower Award to Mr. David Murdock, and Mr. Murdock is the owner of the Cornhusker Hotel, the Yankee Hill Brick and Tile Company, been involved in development of the FirstTier Building in Lincoln, donated to the City of Lincoln, and the Nebraskalander Foundation has given Mr. Murdock the...the Nebraska Sower Award. So those are the awards. We, as the Legislature, participate in Statehood Days by...by extending congratulations to these winners, would ask for a favorable vote on the resolutions.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Withem. Discussion on the